

## Five – Year Review of Growth Center Designation Town of Williston, Vermont

Findings of Fact from Vermont Expanded Downtown Board Growth Center Designation Decision of October 22, 2007.

Findings and Conditions	Implementation Progress
1. Williston shall prepare and submit the final growth center boundary map reflecting the decision of the Board to include the Southwest section as discussed in the Introduction of this document. This submission shall include supporting materials that provide a revised description of the growth center, including acreage, amount of projected development, and other significant information	Revised map completed November 22, 2007.
2. Williston shall develop a comprehensive plan, including financing mechanisms, for the expansion of the Town's sewage treatment plant capacity before the first five-year review following formal growth center designation. The Town shall also continue to implement its growth management program consistent with maintaining adequate reserve capacities. The Town shall monitor wastewater flows over the next five years and shall report its findings to the Expanded Board and provide a plan for future sewage treatment capacity.	<p>The town has recently entered into an agreement with the Village of Essex Junction to purchase an additional 50,000 gallons per day (GPD) of wastewater treatment capacity (to 10,000 GPD over five years). This will increase Williston's treatment capacity from 980,000 GPD to 1,030,000 GPD its residential growth management system.</p> <p>The town continues to implement its residential growth management system, and continues to limit where municipal sewer service will be available.</p>
3. Williston shall make every effort to join CCTA (which includes actually applying to join) and work with CCTA on developing a new route that connects the two centers within two years of designation.	The town joined CCTA in 2008. There are currently two routes of bus service in Williston, including a commuter line linking Williston's village with the designated growth center and the larger regional system.
4. Williston shall adopt its proposed unified development bylaw that will more comprehensively implement the provisions in the Town Plan that pertain to the designated growth center within one year of obtaining designation. The Town shall evaluate the successful implementation of the unified development bylaw and achieving its purposes and report to the Expanded Board at the time of the first five year review.	A Unified Development Bylaw was approved and adopted by the Williston Selectboard on June 22, 2009.

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<p>5. Williston shall adopt a new traffic impact fee schedule and ordinance consistent with consultant recommendations within one year of obtaining designation in order to generate revenues to address future infrastructure needs.</p>	<p>The town’s transportation impact fee schedule was approved and adopted by the Williston Selectboard as part of the <i>Unified Development Bylaw</i>. This increased the transportation impact fee from \$300 per PM peak hour trip end to \$700 per PM peak hour trip end.</p>
<p>6. Williston shall continue to work with VTrans and the CCMPO to explore what improvements can be made to mitigate the traffic conditions on the Route 2A corridor and surrounding area. These improvements may include, but are not limited to, improvements at Exit 12, expanded public transit and bicycle &amp; pedestrian improvements. A plan for improvements should be developed that includes performance standards that can be used for monitoring. The Town and MPO should continue to monitor traffic conditions as well as progress in alternative forms of transportation and report back to the Board in five years. They should also report on what has been accomplished and what is proposed in the plan.</p>	<p>The first of the grid streets planned for the Taft Corners area have been approved and are under construction. Zephyr Road, which is the major street within the Finney Crossing development, is anticipated to be under construction within the next two years.</p>
<p>7. Williston shall develop a policy, and incorporate it into their Town Plan, calling for the identification and protection of archaeological resources prior to the first five-year review of its growth center designation by the Expanded Board.</p>	<p>The Town has not yet accomplished this goal but will be addressing this as part of a comprehensive management plan for dealing with natural resources that will include watershed protection areas, wetlands, wildlife habitat areas, and sensitive archaeological sites. This should be accomplished in the next year.</p>